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Wise words from the 4th Caribbean Tourism Security Conference- Wash Your Hands!

The bi-annual Caribbean Tourism Security Conference opened sessions on Tuesday morning, June 5, with an official welcome from Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, and Aruba Hospitality and Security Foundation President Roland Peterson.

to have the ability to travel far and quickly; the great drawback to ease of travel and the lure of exotic destinations: spread of disease and a possible pandemic. It was only a few short years ago that the Swine Flu scare had people canceling travel plans and face



AH&SF President Roland Peterson and Bruce Whitney

Two days of lectures and workshops are regularly attended by local law enforcement and representatives of security agencies from all corners of the Caribbean; their mutual concern: keeping tourists safe and happy.

Seven guest speakers addressed a vast variety of topics, from the economic impact

Queen Elizabeth II wowed by size of her portrait by Canadian artist



UNITED KINGDOM, London : Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper (L) stands with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II (R) as she unveils a portrait of herself in the White Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace in London on June 6, 2012. The portrait was painted by Canadian artist Phil Richards. Queen Elizabeth II attended a Commonwealth luncheon in London following a grand four-day diamond jubilee celebration which was marred by the illness of her husband, Prince Philip. (AFP PHOTO)



Police and Immigration workers take particular interest

masks selling at a premium. Fortunately, this panic proved unfounded, but in the case of SARS, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, which raged through China and then Hong Kong in 2003, the U.S. and the world "dodged a bullet," according to Dr. Whitney. This virulent strain of influenza is known to have caused the deaths of 916 of 8,422 infected patients, a mortality rate of 9.6%, and this is only among documented cases.

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of poor security measures and the move to international security laws regarding tourism, to practical advice for handling security of large events, everyday safety issues, fire codes and how to safely handle tourists in case of emergency evacuation.

Perhaps one of the most sobering presentations began yesterday morning's sessions as Dr. Bruce Whitney, a world-renowned specialist in bio-safety lectured on "Tourism Security and Issues of Health." We are fortunate

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Innovative Art claims first prizes at the AIFF Art Exhibition



A big smile from winning artist Deisy Guterrez

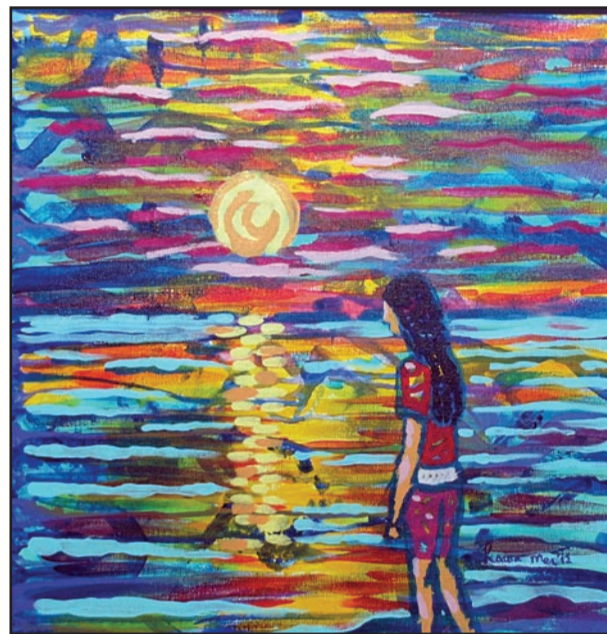
The Aruba International Film Festival coming up June 22-28 proudly unveiled their line up of celebrity guests on Tuesday evening at the Cas di Cultura, ending the introduction to the full schedule of screening, dialogs and classes with a gala opening of another new addi-

tion to the roster: The AIFF Art Exhibition and Competition.

Internationally renowned artists from the U.S. and Venezuela were imported to judge, along with noted Aruban artist and curator Renwick Heronimo, now based out of Washington, D.C. Bruce Yodanis from the U.S. and Ruben Falcon of Venezuela admitted it was difficult choosing from among the 32 fine pieces in the collection, dedicated to a what they considered a difficult theme, "Film-Catch the Moment." However, Renwick stated "when it came down to the final choices we kept re-examining how



Nigel Matthew wins Best realization of Theme



Winner Future Artist Laura Saponara



Starring Bill de la Vega

well the artists had actually interpreted and evoked the magic of filmmaking and were all of one mind, continually coming back to the same works."

The photographic essay of Deisy Guterrez won Best in Show and judges declared they were very impressed with the way she carried the theme through every aspect of her work. A line of photographs appear to be drying out in a darkroom; pictures she had actually taken during a trip to Yemen, which capture a real-life story. Unfortunately, for the piece to be truly appreciated the lights need to be turned off, as it also has special lighting that immerses it in a glowing red light, highly evocative and dramatic.

Best Realization of Theme Award went to Nigel Matthew for his painting, "The Secret." Honorable mentions went to Dizzyray Sporkslede and Frank Croes, for his poignant piece

"Starring Bill de la Vega," an homage to Charlie Chaplin and beloved expatriate artist Bill, deceased, who settled in Aruba and indelibly influenced the local art world.

The exhibition will remain on display in the Cas di Cultura until June 15, and then 12 pieces will be part of a traveling show during the Aruba International Film Festival, placed on display at certain events, including the opening night red carpet. All works in the collection are for



Frank Croes and Dizzyray Sporkslede honorable mention

sale.

In the lobby of the Cas di Cultura are 30 paintings by young island artists studying with Jean Vieira and Miriam Di L'Isle; 15-year-old Laura Saponara won the Future Artist Award for her work. Benay Statia and Miloushka Krozendijk received Honorable Mention from the judges.

Michiko Takatsu and Eduardo Valbuena of "Curators on the Go!" organized the exhibition, which will also include a People's Choice Award, to be announced on the opening night of the Aruba International Film Festival, Friday, June 22.



Winner Best Theme "The Secret"

by Rosalie Klein

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FCCA executives expressed enchantment with Aruba!



On Monday, members of the board of the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) were on the island, and were hosted to a series of meetings and presentations by the government of Aruba regarding the Aruba product.

The presence of the President, Michelle Paige and the top 3 members of their board were here in response to an invitation by the Aruba government. The government's invitation was a follow up to conversations they had two years ago when the government presented their vision of

Aruba with respect to cruise ships and their significance for Aruba.

Last year the Minister of Tourism gave them an update of the work that is in progress and they decided to take up the invitation and come down to see for themselves. The group of American cruise executives was very impressed with all the developments taking place. They were especially pleased to have met with our Parliamentarians in Aruba's Parliament Chamber.

The Minister of Tourism informed the group that by 2013

they expect to see a 50% increase in the amount of visitors to the island. During the off season in 2011 we received around 25 thousand tourists. And, we already have confirmation of cruise ships bringing between 65 to 70 thousand cruise visitors...and we will continue to work on bringing more, according to the Minister.

All in all, the FCCA executives had much praise for the initiatives and projects of the government and for their management of the cruise business. The Minister was clearly pleased with their remarks and observations.

According to a study conducted by the University of Aruba, each cruise tourist spends an average of \$150 to \$170 while on the island. This translates into an influx of about 100 million dollars that is contributed to our local economy every year.

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PIEDRA PLAT -- Santa Rosa, Aruba's dynamic agricultural department and live-stock and fisheries farm has announced that they now have fresh Goat milk for sale to the public.

This is an excellent moment to share some relevant information about the health properties of Goat milk. Santa Rosa has compiled and published some of this information for our esteemed readership.

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ducing breed of Goats that are well fed, and drink clean water daily, will produce excellent milk for a rather long period.

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Pasteurization and bottling:

Before the milk is boiled, it must be filtered. A coffee filter may be used or some other fine cloth to remove whatever debris or hair from the milk. After filtering, the milk must be boiled to 100 degrees Celsius. The boiling/pasteurization process is to reduce the possibility for bacteria to begin to multiply and subsequently contaminate the milk. Unpasteurized milk can be refrigerated for more or less 72 hours, while pasteurized milk, properly sealed in a bottle can last up to three and a half weeks.

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Don't miss the Caribbean Festival this coming Thursday



SAN NICOLAS -- Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Caribbean Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multi-cultural make up of Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival, from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m., revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

This week, local band Climaxx opens the show. A full roster of some of Aruba's finest criollo entertainers follows including dance groups "Sunrise Dancers," and "The Super Dancers," soloist "Quincy Hasham," limbo dance by "Miguel Philips" and Carnival show by "Carna-Aruba," and this is only on the main stage!

Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including music by steel pan Touch of Steel and at the stage at Charlie's Bar: Organ grinder "Shi Aisele," musical groups "Upgrade Music," "Le Groove," and "Rincon Boys."

Island visitors can enjoy the Caribbean festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize you evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

Santa Rosa, Serlimar & Gabriel Flores Foundation celebrated international environment day



On Tuesday, June 5th, the world celebrated International Environment Day. For this occasion, Santa Rosa was approached by Natalie Wolf of Serlimar and Mrs. Flores from the Gabriel Flores Foundation to join together for the Environmental Day celebration.

They then chose the PIUS X school to participate in the planting of 10 trees. At the school they noticed that there were 10 empty plant pots and so saw a need to re-plant these empty pots. This also became

an excellent opportunity to motivate kids and teach them about tree planting and of the value of our environment.

In order to commemorate this significant day, the students planted trees symbolically in the presence of other kids and invited guests, among them, two Parliamentarians.

Santa Rosa provided water for the plants from their brand new water truck and promised to continue to water the plants regularly.

All the kids, teachers and

the school Master were very pleased with their new plants and promised to take good care of them so they can grow and become big and beautiful trees.

In Santa Rosa's weekly television program on Monday at 7:00pm they will show scenes of what took place at the school so all Aruba can see this trees project.

Soon Santa Rosa will be visiting other schools to continue with the project of planting 10 thousand fruit trees around the island.

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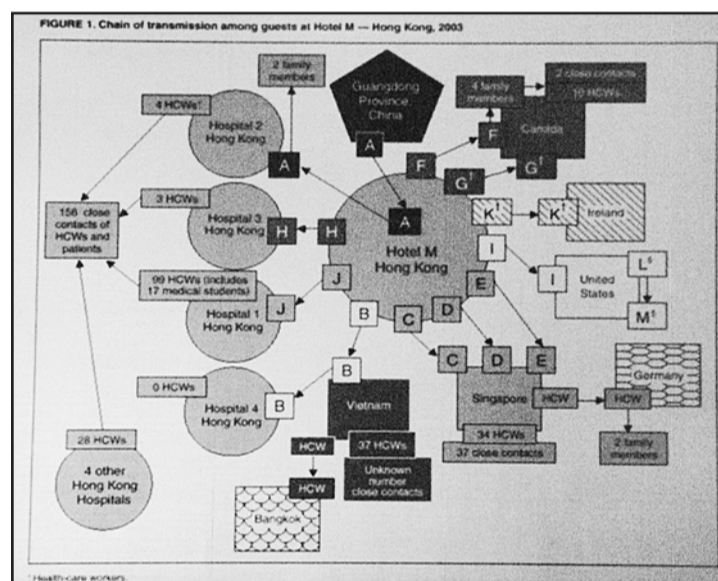
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The last great pandemic was the influenza outbreak of 1918-1919, the "Spanish Flu," which killed 50 million worldwide, 675,000 in the U.S. A potential pandemic was avoided in 1957 by quick action and the manufacture of a vaccine.

Dr. Whitney was an eyewitness to the 2003 SARS pandemic as he was working in the Prince of Wales Hospital in Hong Kong at the time. A hotel in Hong Kong proved to be the vector from which this disease made the jump from mainland China to the world population, with cases cropping up in Vietnam, Singapore, Canada, 37 countries in the final count, where the infected were all finally traced back to a particular hotel in Hong Kong. The victims had all stayed in rooms or visited the same floor as a doctor from Guangdong Province who succumbed to SARS soon after being taken to a Hong Kong hospital. Dr. Whitney surmises it was likely spread by pushing the same number floor button in the elevator.

Very soon after cases were checked into hospitals it proved that health workers were at great risk; subsequently their families, friends and communities. What are categorized as contact, droplet or aerosol means of transmission was very likely responsible for spreading the disease. These common causes, which travelers can encounter on planes, tour buses, restaurants and hotels, can be best combated by a simple action. "If there are any words you are going to walk away with at the end of my talk, it is these three, 'WASH YOUR HANDS,'" stated Dr. Whitney. "Wash them thoroughly; make sure to clean the parts between the fingers, and then turn off the water and touch handles and



Chain of SARS transmission from hotel vector

spigots with paper towels so as not to re-contaminate them." Dr. Whitney confirmed that just as the movie "Contagion" depicted a world of germs and viruses waiting to pounce, so it can be in real life, where washing hands six times a day, and distancing ourselves from people who are sneezing and coughing, can help control the spread of disease.

The economic consequences of such an outbreak in a tourism destination can be disastrous, as was evidence in Hong Kong at the time, and from which it took years to recover. For this reason, proper measures were not taken at the time, and a lid was kept on news broadcasting warnings, as just in the most clichéd movie script, officials kept things quiet so as not to deter tourism, thus exacerbating the situation.

A large number of Aruban immigration officials were present for yesterday's lectures, and Dr. Whitney described them as the front line in acknowledging and singling out individuals who may be carrying a virulent disease. "SARS changed things for Hong Kong," he explained.

"Now everyone passing through immigration is checked for a fever, and removed to quarantine if they have one."

He closed his presentation with the warning that the world must prepare, not for "IF we have another viral pandemic, but WHEN."

by Rosalie Klein

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Canadian Psycho' case takes new macabre twist

MONTREAL (AFP) - Montreal police yesterday probed a horrifying new twist in the "Canadian Psycho" case after new body parts turned up in the mail while the suspect awaited extradition from Germany.

The authorities were still trying to determine if the human hand and foot discovered in separate packages on Tuesday at two Vancouver schools were indeed those of the killer's victim, 33-year-old Chinese student Lin Jun.

Luka Rocco Magnotta, a 29-year-old porn actor, was arrested in Berlin on Monday after a week-long international manhunt and is awaiting extradition to Canada for murdering Lin, believed at one point to have been his lover.

Magnotta allegedly filmed himself on the night of May 24-May 25 killing Lin and dismembering the victim's body before sending a foot and a hand to the headquarters of Canadian political parties.

The victim's torso, which has also been identified as be-

longing to Lin, was discovered in a suitcase outside Magnotta's apartment building, but his head and his second hand and foot were all unaccounted for before Tuesday.

Montreal homicide investigators have taken over the Vancouver probe into whether the latest body parts belonged to Lin, who had been studying computer science at Concordia University in Montreal before his gory death.

Vancouver police said the packaging and addresses on the boxes sent to schools there were similar to those on the gruesome parcels discovered earlier this week at political offices in eastern Canada.

Magnotta, who fled Canada on May 26, initially to Paris, was picked up on Monday on an Interpol warrant by German police in Berlin.

He offered little resistance, saying simply: "You got me," a police spokesman said.

It is not clear when he will be extradited to Canada but the move is expected in the coming days.



Altamira :AFP photo shows houses in Altamira, Para state, in an area that will be flooded by the Belo Monte Hydroelectric Plant on the Xingu River in Altamira, Para state, Brazil. The Belo Monte hydroelectric plant will be the third world biggest, being scheduled to begin operating in 2015 to generate around 11 megawatts.

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International News

US backs Arab call for strong UN sanctions on Syria



DOHA: President of Syrian Business Forum (SBF) Mustafa Sabbagh talks during a press conference in Doha on June 6, 2012, after Syrian businessmen announced the creation of a 300 million US dollar fund to support the uprising against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Sabbagh invited "all the supporters of the revolution" to contribute to the fund.
AFP PHOTO

(AFP) The United States endorsed Wednesday the Arab League's proposal to invoke the United Nations' tough Chapter VII sanctions against the Syrian regime.

But Washington held off from supporting Chapter VII's powers to initiate a military intervention and focused on economic sanctions against

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's embattled government.

Arab League ministers meeting in Doha on Saturday urged the United Nations to invoke Chapter VII to raise pressure on Damascus.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner aid speaking at a meeting of the Friends

of the Syrian People International Working Group on economic sanctions, stressed that cutting off the Damascus regime's access to the global economic and financial system can "hasten a political change that puts an end to 15 months of violence."

Chapter VII of the UN charter outlines action the UN Security Council might take, including military force, in response to threats to international peace, breaches of the peace and acts of aggression.

But it also gives room for strong economic actions. Article 41 says such measures can include "complete or partial interruption of economic relations and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio, and other means of communication, and the severance of diplomatic relations."

Geithner applauded recent sanctions actions by Turkey and Qatar and urged countries which have not yet adopted formal sanctions against the Syrian regime and its supporters "to do so."

Search for bodies ends at site of Nigeria air crash

LAGOS (AFP) - Nigerian rescuers have ended search operations at the site of a plane crash that killed at least 159 people in the country's largest city to concentrate on clearing debris, an official said Wednesday.

While formal searches have ended, workers will remain on the lookout for human remains while clearing debris from the site on the northern outskirts of Lagos. A total of 153 bodies have so far been recovered.

All 153 people on board the Dana Air MD83 died when it crashed into a neighbourhood

near the airport in Lagos on Sunday afternoon, while at least six people on the ground were killed.

The 22-year-old plane plowed into a two-storey apartment block, a church, a house and a textbook warehouse. The ruins of the apartment block were torn down on Tuesday.

Farinloye said DNA tests would be conducted to enable relatives to claim the remains of their relatives National Emergency Management Agency official Ibrahim Farinloye told AFP.

Nigerian aviation authorities on Tuesday grounded Dana Air's flights pending investigation into the crash, and on Wednesday President Goodluck Jonathan again pledged to follow through with a thorough investigation.

Local media said the crash was Nigeria's worst since 1992, when a military C-130 went down after takeoff in Lagos, killing around 200 people on board.

The plane's two engines were reported to have failed before it crashed, the country's civil aviation chief has said.

Sole survivor of Kazakh tragedy confesses to murder: report

ASTANA (AFP) - The sole survivor of a tragedy at a Kazakh border post with China that left 14 guards dead has confessed to murdering his fellow servicemen, the Interfax news agency reported Wednesday, quoting an official source.

On Tuesday, Kazakh authorities had detained the 15th guard, who was believed to have been on duty at the border post high in the Tian Shan mountains and had previously been unaccounted for.

Officials said the survivor - named as Vladislav Chelakh -- was in bad psychological condition and in a "stupor."

The bodies were found last week in the burned-out wreckage of the Argkankergen border control post in the mountains outside Kazakhstan's biggest city Almaty.

Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev had earlier described the deaths of the border guards as well as a local hunter as an "act of terror", but details on the tragedy have remained shrouded in uncertainty.

Speaking in televised remarks Wednesday evening, Nazarbayev said investigators have ruled out an attack by outsiders.

"There was no influence from the outside, they have established this for sure: no one came from anywhere," he said while on a visit to Beijing. "There is information. A very important one. Let's wait."

A government source told Interfax earlier in the day that it was too early for any conclusions as the authorities were examining various possible scenarios.

The surviving serviceman's grandfather took issue with the fact that the authorities were quick to accuse his grandson of committing murder before the investigation was over.

Representatives of the state security service, the Committee of National Security, "came and said: you will not see your grandson until the investigation is over," Vladimir Chelakh told Interfax.

He also cast doubt on the suggestion that the tragedy was caused by bullying, a frequent cause of accidents in ex-Soviet nations.

He said his grandson never referred to hazing in his letters from the remote border post. "On the contrary, he was glad that he ended up in one of the best units," Vladimir Chelakh was quoted as saying.

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Health & Living

More new drugs on the Market... "Bath Salts"



The phenomena of drugs continues and new ones continue to hit the market. FADA again is alerting the community about another new drug, dubbed, Bath Salts. This drug is disguised as one with a design. It actually has different names, among them, Ivory Wave, Purple Wave, Vanilla Sky, Bliss, Blue Silk, Red Dove, White Dove and various other names. It is made with various artificial chemical stimulants derived from Cathinone, which stimulates the central nervous system. Some other chemicals included in making the drug are: Mephedrone and MDPV.

Appearance of the drug:

The ingredients of the drug are sold in the form of a powder in small plastic bags or wrapped in aluminum foil paper.

The Mephedrone is a white powder, semi white or light yellow.

It is made either in the form of a capsule or tablet.

The MDPV is a fine white or semi white powder

Manner of use:

The drug is inhaled, smoked or may also be injected.

Effects on the brain:

1. Irritability

2. Lack of sleep
3. Dizziness
4. Paranoia (delirium)
5. Panic
6. Thoughts of suicide
7. Reduced ability to think clearly
8. Reality becomes distorted
9. Slow motor and motion control

Effects on the body:

1. Heart palpitations which could lead to heart or cerebral attack
2. Chest pains
3. Nose bleeding
4. Sweating
5. Dizziness
6. Vomiting

Why the name Bath Salts?

The name created confusion.

You would think that this drug would be placed in a bathtub as Epsom salts.

Not so, but by promoting it as a bath salt and to label it as not for human use, they hope to avoid it getting labeled as an illegal substance. The drug is being sold in small shops in the US or on the Internet.

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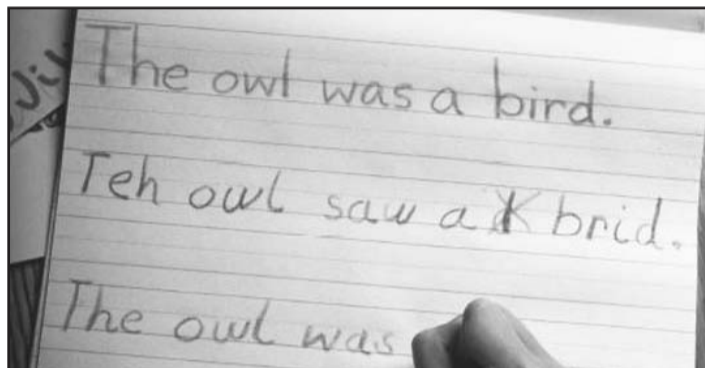
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Wider letter spacing helps dyslexics read



WASHINGTON (AFP) - European researchers said that offering materials with wider spacing between the letters can help dyslexic children read faster and better.

In a sample of dyslexic children age eight to 14, extra-wide letter spacing doubled accuracy and increased reading speed by more than 20 percent, according to the study in the Proceedings of the Na-

tional Academy of Sciences.

Scientists believe the approach worked because people with dyslexia are more affected than normal readers by a phenomenon known as "crowding," which makes a letter harder to identify when it is close to other letters.

Researchers studied 94 dyslexic children, giving them a text made up of 24 short sentences to read in either stan-

dard or expanded letter spacing.

In the standard text, the words were printed in Times-Roman font with a 14 point print size in the expanded text, the space between letter was increased by 2.5 points, so the "space between i and l in the Italian word il (the) was 2.7 pt in normal text vs. 5.2 pt in spaced text," said the study.

The children were given either French or Italian texts according to their native language, and the regular and extra-space sessions were scheduled two weeks apart to minimize the effect that memorization might have on reading speed.

Not only did dyslexic children read faster, but the greatest benefits were observed in children who had the most problem identifying letters.

Children without reading challenges showed no increase in reading speed when given materials in which letters were more widely spaced, suggesting that the benefit was unique to children with dyslexia.

Dyslexia is a developmental disorder that is linked to a problem in the part of the brain that interprets language, and can run in families. Extra tutoring and an intense focus on reading are the most frequently advocated treatments.

Some 8,000 French women have faulty breast implants removed

PARIS (AFP) - French health authorities said Monday that nearly 8,000 French women had followed a government recommendation to have faulty breast implants that sparked a global health scare removed.

The ANSM health product and drug safety agency said that, as of the end of April, 7,868 women had the implants produced by Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) removed, after French authorities warned they were more prone to rupture.

The agency also said that 48 cases of breast cancer had been detected in women with the implants, but health officials have said there is no proven link between the implants and the disease.

Authorities estimate that about 30,000 women in France received the implants produced by PIP, which shut

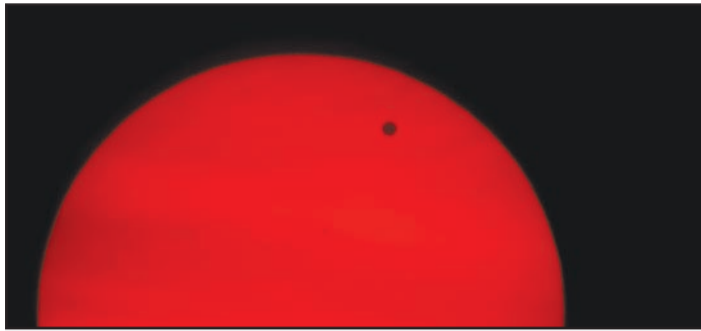
down in 2010 after it was revealed to have been using substandard, industrial-grade silicone gel.

More than 400,000 women around the world are believed to have received the implants and many countries have urged women to have them removed.

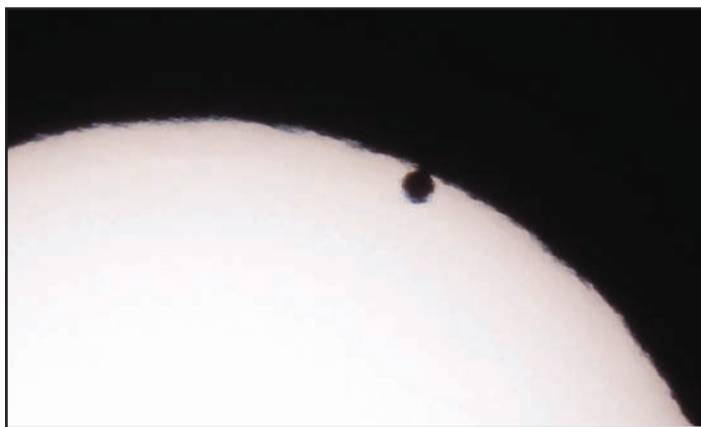
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Rare Venus transit



HAMBURG : Planet Venus (R-black spot) transits in front of the sun, seen in the early morning in Hamburg, Germany, on June 6, 2012. The event, only to be seen again in 105 years, began shortly after 2200 GMT on Tuesday, visible first from the Pacific and north and central Americas as a small black dot trailing across the solar surface. AFP PHOTO



BUDAPEST : Planet Venus (R-black spot) transits in front of the Sun seen from the Observatory of Obuda, in Budapest on June 6, 2012. Astronomers and novice stargazers worldwide trained their eyes and telescopes on the skies for the last chance this lifetime to observe Venus track a near seven-hour path across the Sun. The event, only to be seen again in 105 years. AFP PHOTO

Spider invasion spooks Indian village



GUWAHATI (AFP) - Panicked villagers in a remote Indian state complained Monday of an invasion of giant venomous spiders that resemble tarantulas but are unknown to local specialists.

Indian media said that a dozen people had been bitten and treated in hospital, with two unconfirmed deaths reported.

"Initially we thought it was a prank, but later on we saw swarms of this peculiar kind of spider biting people," Ranjit Das, a community elder in the town of Sadiya in the north-

eastern state of Assam, told AFP by telephone.

Authorities have swung into action by fogging and spraying insecticides in the area, 600 kilometres (370 miles) east of Assam's main city of Guwahati, and a team of scientists have been dispatched to investigate.

"We visited the spot and found it akin to the tarantula, but we are still not sure what this particular species is," said L.R. Saikia, a scientist from the department of life science of Dibrugarh University in Assam.

"It appears to be an aggressive spider with its fangs more powerful than the normal variety of house spiders," he told AFP.

Specimens have been sent outside Assam for identification by arachnologists, he said.

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Nintendo touts games for Wii U GamePad console



(AFP) - Nintendo fired its riposte Tuesday in the battle for living room entertainment by boosting its game offerings for its new Wii U console featuring a tablet-style controller.

The Japanese electronic games giant boasted that Wii U would start a "revolutionary" trend in "asymmetrical play" that lets players using GamePad tablets act as wily adversaries in multi-person matches.

Nintendo did not reveal the price it planned to charge for

the successor to the Wii consoles launched in 2006, not did it indicate the precise date it will hit the market.

Nintendo made scant mention of films or other digital content or services along the lines of those played up by Microsoft and Sony for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 consoles respectively.

Nintendo also boasted of the social networking features built into the GamePad to synch with the MiiVerse online social network unveiled on Sunday

by Sony president Satoru Iwata.

Fils-Aime equated MiiVerse to a "main street" where players represented by animated "mii" characters congregate and communicate.

Games being crafted for Wii U included epic science fiction adventure title "Mass Effect 3" and "Lego City Undercover" that lets players use GamePads to solve crimes in a cartoon city.

"Our goal with Wii U this year, as it was with the Wii six years ago, is to provide new and engrossing game experiences for every type of player," Fils-Aime said.

Nintendo on Tuesday played into its advantage that major game publishers are readying hot titles to release with Wii U consoles while Microsoft invited game developers to begin imagining possibilities for "multi-screen entertainment."

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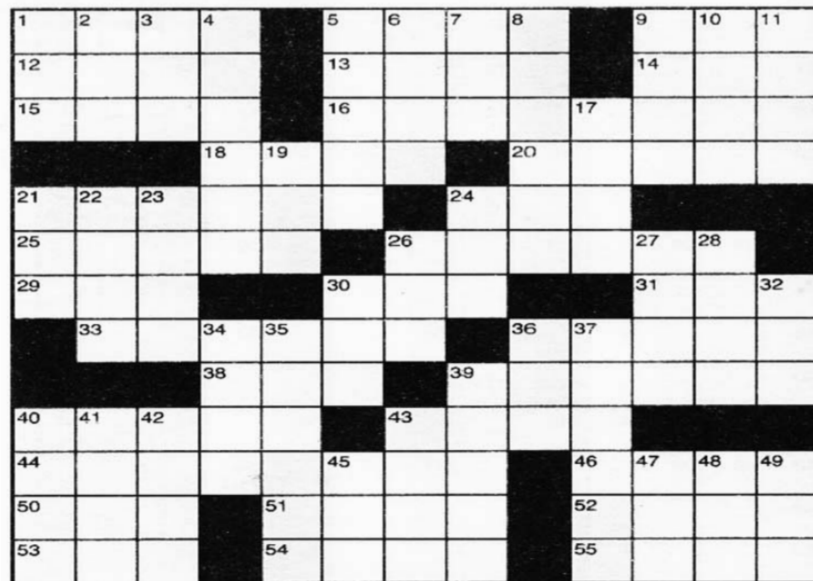
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- 12. ___ fide
- 13. Exile isle
- 14. Maiden name indicator
- 15. Finger sound
- 16. Colorful arcs in the sky
- 18. Witnessed
- 20. Small pastries
- 21. Speaks
- 24. Tanker cargo
- 25. Dotted ___ (fabric)
- 26. Give support
- 29. Vice
- 30. Pulver's rank (abbr.)
- 31. Disguised
- 33. Doohickey
- 36. Reprimand
- 38. Dinghy
- 39. Convict's goal
- 40. Sailor's cry
- 43. ___ on (shower with attention)
- 44. Like a dental patient's mouth (hyph.)
- 46. Folding beds
- 50. Sleep stage (abbr.)
- 51. ___ between the lines
- 52. Skater
- 53. Distance
- 54. Caesar and others
- 55. "Tell Mama" singer

DOWN

- 1. Public television letters
- 2. Title for a judge (abbr.)
- 3. "Not ___ million years!" (2 wds.)
- 4. Becomes void
- 5. "___ to you"
- 6. Actor Alda
- 7. Batter's stat
- 8. Praying ___ (insect)
- 9. ___ about (approximately, 2 wds.)
- 10. Salamander
- 11. Mrs. Dick Tracy
- 17. "___ Ha'i"
- 19. Hesitation sounds
- 21. Ship's letters
- 22. Bit of kindness
- 23. Singer Turner
- 24. CIA's predecessor
- 26. Colonizing insect
- 27. "Begone!"
- 28. Embezzler's cash source
- 30. Poet's "always"
- 32. Ike's monogram
- 34. Two aspirin, e.g.
- 35. Croc's cousins
- 36. Won at musical chairs
- 37. Nativity scene
- 39. Water lily sites
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Nasdaq sets aside \$40 mn for Facebook compensation



NEW YORK (AFP) - Nasdaq said yesterday it is setting aside \$40 million to cover brokers' trading losses due to computer glitches that disrupted the launch of Facebook shares onto the market on May 18.

In a statement Nasdaq OMX, owner of the exchange, said the company's board had approved a "one-time voluntary accommodations program" that would pay \$13.7 million in cash to Nasdaq member firms, with the rest to be credited to qualified claimants "to reduce trading costs" over six months.

The compensation plan requires the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the independent Financial Industry Regulatory Authority will evaluate claims from the brokers, Nasdaq said.

Facebook's \$16 billion initial public offering overwhelmed Nasdaq's systems when it hit the market on May 18, forcing a half-hour delay in opening trading and leaving investors and brokers in the dark for hours over the results of orders involving

millions of shares.

Claims of losses related to the market's computer problems are estimated above \$100 million, according to the Wall Street Journal.

On May 24 New York broker Knight Capital asked Nasdaq to compensate it for up to \$35 million on the IPO.

"As has been well-publicized, there were numerous issues and problems at Nasdaq relating to the trading of Facebook. Some market participants, including the Company, suffered sizable losses," Knight said in the filing.

In addition at least one class-action lawsuit has been filed in New York against the exchange over claimed losses on Facebook shares due to the systems problems.

Fed view of US economy improves in 'Beige Book'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Conditions in the US economy generally improved over the April-May period, according to the Federal Reserve's regular "Beige Book" regional review released yesterday.

Most of the US central bank's 12 regions reported improving conditions, and the Fed said "overall economic activity expanded at a moderate pace," better than its previous formulation in early April of "a modest to moderate pace."

The Beige Book survey -- which will frame the discussions at the Fed's next policy meeting on June 19-20 -- comes as the data from other government and private agencies has cast a much dimmer picture for growth.

Slower-than-expected growth and jobs data released

VILAGARCIA DE AROUSA : A woman chooses some donated clothes at the wardrobe of the Caritas Social Center in Vilagarcia de Arousa, northwestern Spain, on June 6, 2012. Spain already had the highest level of unemployment in the industrialised world as the slumping economy failed to absorb the millions of workers who have lost their jobs since a massive property bubble imploded in 2008. AFP PHOTO



US regulator: 'Inadequate' controls led to JPMorgan loss

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A top US bank regulator told lawmakers yesterday that "inadequate" risk controls at JPMorgan Chase led to a \$2 billion derivatives loss, as a top senator called for increased scrutiny of Wall Street.

Congress is holding a series of hearings on the disastrous derivative trading strategy reported by the bank last month that sent shudders through the still-frail financial system.

Thomas Curry, who heads the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), was in the spotlight for his organization's oversight of the bank unit responsible for the loss.

"The issue at JPMorgan Chase is one of inadequate risk

management" within the chief investment office, Curry said when questioned by the Senate Banking Committee.

He said his agency is poring over audit reports and interviewing officials both at JPMorgan and the OCC to establish "a detailed chronology of events" leading up to the disastrous loss. "Our analysis will focus on where breakdowns or failures occurred," he said in his testimony.

Curry told the packed hearing that while the massive loss affects the bank's earnings, it "does not present a solvency issue."

JPMorgan Chase has some \$1.8 trillion in assets, including \$101 billion in Tier 1 common capital, he said.

But amid worries that so-called "too big to fail" banks like JPMorgan were taking excessive risks that could damage the entire financial sys-

tem, senators expressed concern that regulators were too lax in monitoring huge trades.

"What did the comptrollers office know, and were you on top of things?" asked Richard Shelby, the committee's ranking Republican.

Curry responded that his concern about the bank intensified in April "as losses increased within the portfolio."

The OCC focused on "managing and monitoring the bank's efforts to mitigate or de-risk that particular portfolio with the objective of ensuring there is a soft landing of that particular position," he said.

The series of hearings comes amid fierce debate over the Volcker Rule, a potential new policy which would bar banks from trading with their own funds in a bid to prevent them from taking dangerous risks while enjoying government guarantees.

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Switzerland	CHF	184.99	185.71	186.51	
Netherlands	EUR	220.35	222.36	224.60	
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Paraguay president, an ex-bishop, admits second child



ASUNCION (AFP) - President Fernando Lugo, a former bishop whose clutch of paternity lawsuits has provoked anger in staunchly Catholic Paraguay, acknowledged Tuesday being the father of a 10-year-old boy.

Lugo, 61, already admitted fathering a three-year-old boy in 2009 and is facing at least two other paternity lawsuits. All the alleged conceptions date back to when he was a priest, before he was elected president in 2008.

"The president has given me instructions to immediately start the legal formalities to

recognize the child," attorney Marcos Farina told a press conference.

The mother was named as a 42-year-old nurse from San Pedro, Narcisa de la Cruz de Zarate. The boy's name is Angel. Lugo was bishop of the diocese of San Pedro until stepping down in December 2006.

Viviana Carrillo, the mother of his first publicly acknowledged child, is 33 years Lugo's junior.

Two other women are still pursuing paternity suits against the former cleric.



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Grammy-winning US singer-songwriter Sheryl Crow has been diagnosed with a benign brain tumor, she said in comments published Tuesday. The country-pop star, who survived breast cancer diagnosed in 2006, said doctors found the tumor in November, after she had a brain scan because she was concerned about memory loss. The singer recalled how she forgot part of her hit "Soak Up the Sun" on stage in Florida last month, using an expletive to tell the crowd: "I'm 50, what can I say? My brain's gone to ..." In May 2007, she announced that she had adopted a two-week old baby boy, named Wyatt Steven after her father and brother. She adopted another boy, named Levi James Crow, in 2010, according to media reports. Crow has won nine Grammys, including best new artist and best female pop vocal and record of the year in 1994 for "All I Wanna Do," and best female rock vocal in 1996, 1999, 2000 and 2002.

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Nine orphaned elephants arrive in Mexico

PUEBLA (AFP) - Nine young African elephants, orphaned when their parents were shot dead by hunters in Namibia, have arrived in Mexico, where they will take up residence at a wildlife reserve.

The elephants "had been sentenced to death, either by hunting or hunger and thirst, because young elephants depend on their parents or adults in the herd," Frank Camacho, director of Africam Safari, said.

Camacho said his group -- which maintains a nature reserve in central Mexico with some 300 species -- was contacted by the owner of a reserve in Namibia who said he did not have space to raise the animals.

The rescue operation was an "adventure," Camacho said, with the animals transported aboard a specially equipped cargo plane, with stops in Brazil, Chile and Mexico City.

The elephants are currently in quarantine to help them adapt to their new surroundings, he said.

The wildlife refuge will provide shelter for the animals that meets international standards as well as access to bodies of water where they can wallow, Camacho said.

He added that visitors to the park next summer might see the elephants making their way across the reserve that is home to some 2,500 animals.

Gisele Bundchen launches shantytown model search



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bündchen on Tuesday launched a contest to discover new talent in Brazil's shantytowns, promising to reward the winner with a modeling contract.

"I feel privileged to be the sponsor of this project," Bündchen said, recalling that she had been rejected by 42 agents in London at the start of her career, when she was only 17.

"I was finally taken on on the 43rd try," said the now 34-year-old, on hand for the contest launch with 30 women aged 18 to 22 vying for fame and fortune.

The contest is organized by the Central Union of Slums (CUFA) and a beauty products maker and aims "to boost slum dwellers's self-esteem."

"You have to know your

good side for photos... to feel comfortable in your own skin to be beautiful and to have a lot of perseverance," she told contestants.

In a second phase of the challenge, a jury will choose one model from each of Brazil's 27 states. The final will be held in Rio in August or September.

"Even if she is white, Bündchen's being here is important because she is from Brazil where there is great racial diversity and she is renowned worldwide," contestant Rafaella Lemes, 19, from Rocinha shantytown, told AFP.

Annual summer fashion shows in Rio that opened on May 22 with bikini collections celebrating beach fun were marred this year by protests against the underrepresentation of black models on the catwalks.

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Aruba Hospital introducing 'clinical route' for knee prosthesis



The Aruba Dr. Horacio Oduer Hospital has recently introduced a so-called 'clinical route' designed by orthopedics of the Ortho Clinic for patients needing an operation to receive a knee prosthesis.

This clinical route is a system used internationally to improve the coordination of the care of the patient. Through this system different professionals of the different disciplines work in synergy to plan the specific route that the patient needs to follow for the

needed care. The exact process is documented in the patient's dossier so everyone may know what is the route each must follow and exactly when.

Back in December 2011 the Hospital began working with a form that describes the clinical care route. The hospital staff gladly welcomed this system and indicated that it meant a significant improvement of patient care. The general reaction was... "we need more clinical routes for other

patient groups in the hospital." In essence, this means that there is a significantly improved coordination between hospital and medical professionals. What's more, the patient has a better view of the care he is receiving from the hospital.

The group of professionals involved in the 'clinical route' are: Dr. Patrick Haime, Orthopedist; David Janse, Physiotherapist; Onaya Tromp, Hospital Care Manager; Cherline Donata, nurse; and Francis Escalona, intake nurse. This group is directed by members of the Care and Security Department, namely, Trudy Schuurman and Edith van der Meer. The clinical route begins the moment the patient is admitted and the decision is made to operate on the patient's knee and provide a prosthesis, up to the moment the patient leaves the hospital.

The clinical route describes in detail exactly what must be done, by whom, when this must be done, and exactly how, etc. These actions become part of the patient's dossier. In this fashion every professional knows exactly what actions to take and as a team each are cognizant of the needs of the patient and of what has been done thus far. This translates into better quality care, shorter hospital stays and better patient security. Each patient will also receive a brochure describing his clinical route from the moment of his hospital admission. Reportedly, the Hospital has decided to design similar clinical routes for other departments to improve the quality of service of the Hospital.

Rio+20 should be Tahrir Square for greens: Silva



SAO PAULO (AFP) - Activist and former Brazilian presiden-

tial candidate Marina Silva called Tuesday for protests matching the magnitude of Egypt's Tahrir Square demonstrations at an upcoming UN environmental meeting.

More than 100 heads of state and tens of thousands of participants from governments, the private sector and NGOs will converge on Brazil later this month for the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Marking the 20th anniversary of the "Earth Summit" in

1992 in Rio de Janeiro, the gathering aims to break years of deadlock on pressing environmental issues and set up long-term paths towards green development.

The Brazilian military plans to deploy 15,000 security personnel for the UN summit and a parallel "people's summit" at the Flamengo park in southern Rio, which will be sponsored by civil society and is expected to see the attendance of nearly 20,000 people a day.

Silva urged the government to rethink a new forestry code

recently approved by Brazil's parliament, warning that it would increase the deforestation of the Amazon and prevent the country from meeting targets on reducing CO2 emissions.

"If on the eve of the Rio+20 we practically eliminate the law that protects forests, we change the law that defines the boundaries of indigenous lands and we withdraw the capacity of a federal agency responsible for combating illicit deforestation... imagine what will happen," she said.



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Sneijder motivated by club failure



KRAKOW (AFP) - Two years ago Dutch playmaker Wesley Sneijder almost completed the perfect season as his club side Inter Milan won the Champions League as well as a domestic league and Cup double.

And he then lined up in the World Cup final for Holland but a goal from Andres Iniesta four minutes from the end of extra-time gave Spain victory and denied Sneijder that perfect season.

The 27-year-old looked tired at times in the World Cup as the rigours of a long, hard campaign caught up with him. This time around, though, he is coming into an international tournament following a poor season on both a personal level and for his club.

Sneijder spent much of the last campaign injured, playing only 28 games in all competitions and understandably with such a stop-start year he at times struggled for form.

Inter also suffered a terrible season and failed to qualify for the Champions League as they finished down in sixth.

But that is something the former Ajax and Real Madrid star intends to use to good effect.

"There's more motivation to win this prize, as a player you want to win prizes and trophies," he said.

"With Inter we won every-

thing two years ago and then I (went to the World Cup) and I reached the final.

"Now I didn't win any prizes with Inter but I want to win this Euro so it's a big motivation of course."

And having struggled all season, in particular with a hamstring strain, Sneijder says he is now fit and ready, although he stopped short of claiming his disjointed campaign could help him in this tournament as he will be less fatigued than in South Africa.

"This last year I didn't play so much, I'm good, I'm not as tired as two years ago."

Holland are in the so-called group of death alongside Germany, Portugal and Denmark but Sneijder believes having such a tough group can be a help rather than a hindrance.

Four years ago it was a similar situation with Italy, France and Romania in their group yet they still came out on top.

"We know it will be a difficult group but we are ready for it and we'll see what happens."

Many people believe that alongside Spain and Germany, Holland are one of the favourites and Sneijder is unfazed by the added pressure such a tag could bring.

"Of course we are one of the favourites, like many other teams because this tournament will be very tough," he said.

"First of all we have a tough group and it will be very difficult to pass the group.

"But we are very confident because we have a good team, we did a good preparation so we are ready for it."

There had been rumours in the Dutch press that Schalke 04's Klaas-Jan Huntelaar is unhappy at having to play second fiddle to Arsenal's Robin van Persie but Sneijder rejected any such talk.

"We are good, the Dutch press is always talking a lot," he said with a smirk.



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Russia awaits results from cash bonanza



Lev Yashin leads USSR to glory in EURO 1960

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian football may have had hundreds of millions of roubles pumped into the game in the last few years but fans are still waiting for the league to be the envy of Europe and the national side to be world beaters.

Russia, hosts of the 2018 World Cup in a massive project championed by President Vladimir Putin, has low expectations for its side in Euro 2012 with an ageing squad who failed to make the last World Cup.

Few expect a repeat of the glory of 1960 when the USSR won the European Championship for the only time with a side that included legendary names like the goalkeeper Lev "the black spider" Yashin and striker Viktor Ponedelnik.

Neither the USSR nor Russia have won a trophy since. The best efforts were the Soviet Union's appearances in the final of the European Championships in 1964, 1972 and 1988 and its World Cup fourth place in 1966.

Yet the domestic game has changed beyond all recognition in the last half decade, as cash injections from state and private shareholders in clubs brought in a new wave of foreign talent and coaches into Russian football.

There has been such an influx of foreign players into the Russian domestic league that the authorities have imposed a hugely controversial rule of a minimum of five Russian passport holders on the field at any one time.

Current foreign stars of the Russian league include Ivory Coast's Seydou Doumbia, Ireland's Aiden McGeady and Danny of Portugal.

After an end-of-season reshuffle of premier league coaches, five of the top eight sides in Russia are set to be managed by foreigners next year.

Money from state gas giant Gazprom transformed Zenit Saint Petersburg from an underperforming side known better for hard-core fans than

football into 2008 UEFA cup winners.

Known now as Russia's answer to England's cash-rich Manchester City, Anzhi Makhachkala were an obscure club from the impoverished Caucasus until taken over by the well-connected oligarch Suleyman Kerimov in 2011.

Ploughing hundreds of millions of dollars into the club, Kerimov brought in talent ranging from Brazil's Roberto Carlos to Cameroon's Samuel Eto'o and also tempted Dutch coach Gus Hiddink to lead a masterplan for European success.

With such money, what could possibly be wrong with Russian football?

Critics point to a range of woes that are holding up the game, above all the disintegration of grass roots youth training which collapsed along with the Soviet Union.

The hottest issue in Russian football is demands by top clubs led by CSKA and Zenit to soften the restrictions on foreign players, a need some commentators say is motivated by a lack of homegrown talent.

Refereeing quality can be abysmal -- once again for a major tournament no Russian referees have been chosen to work at Euro 2012.

Away from the top eight, Russian domestic matches can be depressing affairs watched by small crowds.

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Tennis: Ferrer knocks Murray out of French Open



Spain's David Ferrer hits a return to Britain's Andy Murray

PARIS (AFP) - Andy Murray's hopes of ending Britain's 76-year wait for a Grand Slam men's champion stalled again Wednesday when he was defeated 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 6-2 by Spain's David Ferrer in the French Open quarter-finals.

Sixth-seeded Ferrer reached his first Roland Garros semi-final where he will tackle compatriot and six-time champion Rafael Nadal on Friday for a place in Sunday's final.

Murray, bidding to reach a second successive French Open semi-final, comfortably matched his opponent in the gruelling, big-hitting rallies, but was undone by 59 unforced errors.

Despite trailing 5-4 in their career meetings, Ferrer had a 3-0 advantage on clay and the 30-year-old was quickly into his stride on Wednesday, breaking for a 3-1 lead and carving out a set point in the eighth game which Murray saved.

The Scot broke to 4-5 but in the 10th game, Ferrer converted a set point thanks to a netted Murray forehand drive.

It had been a tight opener, but Murray's 19 unforced errors proved fatal to his hopes and it was the third time in five matches in Paris this year that he had lost the first set.

The bruising hitting continued in the second set, under heavy, rain-filled skies as breaks were shared in the first and second and then seventh and eighth games.

Murray then played an impressive tie-breaker to level the match.

The world number four was 1-0 ahead in the third when rain sent the players ducking for cover for 30 minutes.

On the resumption, Ferrer broke 2-1, had break points in the fifth game before Murray levelled at 3-3.

But the terrier-like Ferrer kept snapping and pressing, clinching another break for a 4-3 lead and wrapping up the third set on his third set point in the ninth game when Murray unleashed a wild forehand.

Breaks were shared again for 1-1 in the fourth set before Ferrer nipped ahead for 3-1, backed up by a hold for 4-1.

Murray had two points to break back in the seventh game, but the Spaniard hung grimly on for a 5-2 lead as the British player continued to re-monstrate with himself.

Ferrer carved out two match points, one of which was saved but the tie was his when Murray pushed a backhand wide.

While Maria Sharapova on Wednesday reached her third French Open semi-final where she will take on Petra Kvitova, the powerful Czech who crushed her in last year's Wimbledon final.

Russian second seed Sharapova, who was also a semi-finalist in 2007 and 2011, eased past Estonia's Kaia Kanepi 6-2, 6-3 while fourth-seeded Kvitova ended Kazakh qualifier Yaroslava Shvedova's dream run with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 win.

Kvitova's clash with Sharapova on today will be the pair's third Grand Slam clash within a year.

Other semi-final sees Australia's Samantha Stosur taking on Sara Errani of Italy.

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DUBLIN: Olympic torch bearer Ronald Delany (2nd L) and Bridget Taylor (2nd R) pose with Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny (L) and Deputy Prime Minister Eamon Gilmore (R) on the steps of the government buildings in Dublin, Ireland on June 6, 2012. The Olympic flame lit up the Republic of Ireland on June 6 on its only visit outside Britain en route to the 2012 London Games, in a symbolic gesture of reconciliation between the two states.

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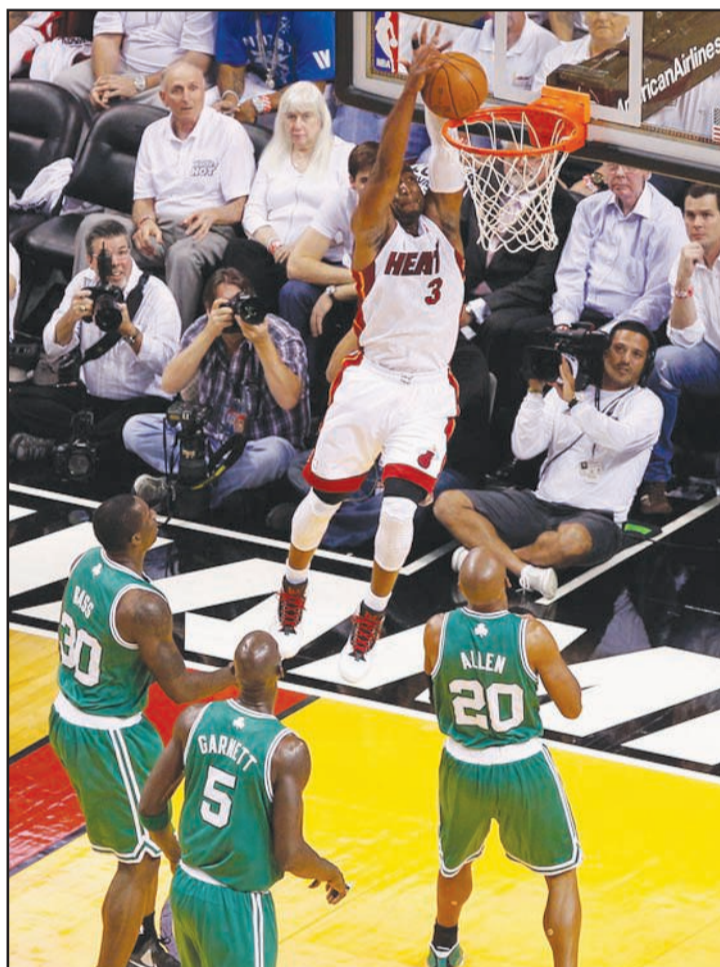
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NBA: Celtics one win from finals after beating Heat



Dwyane Wade #3 of the Miami Heat dunks in the first half against the Boston Celtics in Game Five of the Eastern Conference Finals in the 2012 NBA Playoffs

MIAMI (AFP) - Boston moved to within one victory of the NBA Finals as they beat Miami 94-90 on Tuesday, with Kevin Garnett scoring 26 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

The Celtics took a 3-2 lead in the the best-of-seven Eastern Conference final and will advance with a home win in game six today.

"Just because we're going to Boston doesn't mean they are going to give it to us," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "We're going to have to play. We're going to have to take it."

A seventh game, if needed, would be played at Miami on Saturday. The se-

ries winner will play the Western Conference champion, either Oklahoma City or San Antonio, in the NBA Finals starting next Tuesday.

"We're in the biggest challenge of our lives right now, of our professional careers, but that's how it's supposed to be," said Miami's Chris Bosh, who returned to the lineup after being sidelined with an abdominal muscle strain.

The Heat reached the NBA Finals last year, when they lost to the Dallas Mavericks.

But they were pushed to the brink of elimination a stage earlier this time, despite NBA Most Valuable Player LeBron James scoring 30

points and grabbing 13 rebounds, with Dwyane Wade adding 27 points.

"This is what the playoffs are about. It tests your collective resolve," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. Boston, he said, "have championship DNA. They have what we're trying to get. A way to get it is with a big win today."

Miami led 42-40 at half-time and the teams were deadlocked at 50-50 before the Heat scored nine points in a row, only to have Boston end the third quarter with a 15-1 run that put them ahead 65-60 entering the fourth quarter.

Paul Pierce made two free throws and, after a free throw by Miami's Udonis Haslem, sank a 3-pointer while being guarded by James to give Boston a 90-86 advantage.

The Celtics' Garnett played a pivotal role late in the game with little rest.

After Wade and Ray Allen traded two free throws each, James scored on a layup to pull Miami closer, but Haslem fouled Garnett and the Boston big man sank two clutch free throws to give the Celtics a 94-90 lead.

Wade had a shot for a three-pointer but missed and Garnett grabbed the rebound, hurling a pass to the other end of the court as the final buzzer sounded.

"He's our life," Rivers said of Garnett. "He does so much that just doesn't have numbers to it. In a strange way, he is calming our guys. He has just been terrific for us."

"We have a lot of positive talk in our locker room," Rivers added. "They believe

they can win. We have to just keep hanging in there."

Miami's Bosh, who suffered his injury in the first game of a second-round series against Indiana, scored nine points in 14 minutes but did not play in the decisive fourth quarter.

"I didn't think it would necessarily be fair to throw him in with three minutes to go," Spoelstra said. "He felt good after the game. He might be able to play a handful more minutes."

Bosh said he was fit to play had he been called upon.

"I was ready. If he felt that it wasn't fair, that's great," Bosh said. "I definitely had more to give. It felt good to be back out there. I definitely will be ready to play more (today) than I played tonight."

Dutch left speechless by Auschwitz visit

KRAKOW (AFP) - The Dutch national team were left struggling for words following a visit to the former Nazi German concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau on Wednesday.

Coach Bert van Marwijk and captain Mark van Bommel seemed almost bemused by the experience when speaking about it following Dutch training here.

"It's so difficult to describe that I won't try to do so," said Van Marwijk.

"I just wanted to go because I think it's part of your education. I wanted to see it with my own eyes because this may never happen again."

Van Bommel was almost blown away by the experience and had even more trouble expressing his sentiments.

"We (the players) spoke about it afterwards, it was very emotional and impressive," he



said. "You can say a lot of things (about it) but for me it was very impressive. In school you learn some things about World War II and Auschwitz but now I've seen it with my own eyes."

The Netherlands were not the only team to visit the memorial site on Wednesday with

Italy also making the trip.

It is believed that 1.3 million people were killed by the Nazis at the concentration and extermination camp.

Around 90 percent of those were European Jews but there were also significant numbers of Poles, Roma, Sinti, Soviet prisoners of war and Jehovah's Witnesses killed at the camp.